

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 4997

INFO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, PLO

SUBJECT: ARAFAT LEAVES FOR BUCHAREST

1. SHORT NEWS ITEM IN OCT 24 AL-THAWRAH REPORTED THAT  
PLO CHAIRMAN ARAFAT HAD LEFT DAMASCUS AT DAWN OCT 23  
BY SPECIAL PLANE TO BUCHAREST IN RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL

INVITATION FROM PRES. CEAUSESCU.

2. COMMENT: HAD HE WISHED TO DO SO, ARAFAT COULD  
EASILY HAVE POSTPONED ROMANIAN VISIT ON GROUNDS HIS

PRESENCE REQUIRED IN LEBANON. HE MAY, THEREFORE, WANT  
TO ESCAPE LEBANESE CRISIS FOR FEW DAYS AND/OR HE MAY  
BE EN ROUTE TO MOSCOW.

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